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Sir:

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U.S. counterparts of German Patent Nos. WO 87/07125 and EP 107283 are submitted herewith.

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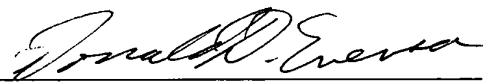
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